1. when were archaeological researches organised in the State;

2. who was the first officer to attend the same;

3. is he continuing at present;

4. if not, who is the present officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Archaeological researches were seriously taken up and organised in the State in the year 1924.

2. Mr. K. Rama Pisharodi, M. A., Principal, Sanskrit College.

3. No.

4. Mr. Paliath Anujan Achan.

Qualifications of the Archaeologists.

221. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. what are the qualifications of the past and present officers, general and technical;

2. is the present officer eligible for public service;

3. if he is not, has he been exempted from S. O's regarding the minimum general educational qualification and age limit;

4. if so, the particular reason that necessitated the granting of such exemption or exemptions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Rama Pisharodi is a M. A., and L. T., and by his speeches and writings showed a special aptitude for the work. Mr. Anujan Achan, the present officer after passing his Intermediate from the National College, Madanappalli, has taken a special course of study as a research student of History and Archaeology at Viswabharathi in the Santiniketam University of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and has also obtained special training in the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona. He has also received practical training in Archaeology at the hands of Professor Dr. M. Winternitz of the Prague University.

2. Yes.

3 and 4. These questions do not arise in veiw of the answer to (2) above. The question of age-limit has not come up for consideration as the Archaeologist is still on probation.

Research work done by the Archaeologists.

222. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. have these officers done any original research work in any field within the scope of Kerala Archaeology before and after their appointment, to justify their appointments, supersession or retention;

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